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## GENERAL NEWS.

Professor Kreutz at Kiel university, has discovered a new comet.

The Spokane high school is to have an auditorium that will seat over 1000 persons.

At Barstow, Cal., F. A. Wilson, a switchman, shot and killed Lewis De June, a bartender.

Near Sharon, Pa., three children were killed while coasting, by colliding with a post at the bottom of the hill.

Parker's popular vote was 1,273,772 less than Bryan's four years ago. The total vote cast for all candidates was 460,078 less than four years ago.

By collisions, delays, suspension of business in various channels, a two-day fog in London is said to have cost over \$3,000,000.

A sudden storm at Figueroa de Fez, on the coast of Portugal, drowned 27 fishermen who vainly endeavored to reach the shore. They were distributed among six fishing smacks.

On the first and second days of December, the Manhattan "L" carried 123,000 more passengers than on the corresponding days of last year, despite the competition of the subway.

Criminal libel is charged by Mayor H. S. Evans of Ashland, Ore., against J. V. Robinson, keeper of a "blind pig" here. Robinson said the mayor was connected in the illicit liquor business with him.

Robert West, who was arrested by Sheriff Faxton, near Basin, Wyo., and is now in Basin jail, has been positively identified as one of the two robbers who attempted to hold up the Cody bank and killed Cashier I. O. Middaugh, on November 12.

## NORTHWEST NEWS.

B. T. Burns of Moscow, Idaho, sold a beef steer weighing 1620 pounds on the hoof at 6 cents per pound, in Spokane. It dressed 1005 pounds.

The secretary of the interior has authorized the grazing of 142,000 sheep on the Mt. Rainier reservation from July 1 to September 25, 1905.

Several arrests of light-fingered women have been made in Spokane, and the result is the exposing of a very extensive system of shoplifting.

L. B. Avery, a well known citizen of Eugene, has disappeared in Portland. A week's strenuous hunt for him by his relatives, has been entirely unavailing.

The next qualifying examination for scholars under the Cecil Rhodes bequest, will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, January 17 and 18, at the state university at Moscow, Idaho.

Mrs. B. B. Dalton seven months ago bought the Exchange warehouse and dock in Portland for \$25,000, and sold it December 23 for \$30,000—a 20 per cent advance in half a year.

At North Yakima Judge Rudkin has sentenced Fred Smith, Charles Wilson and Pearl Howard to the penitentiary for 13 years each for robbing an Indian during the fair last fall.

The Washington State Livestock Association has elected E. F. Benson of Tacoma, president; A. J. Splawn of North Yakima, vice-president; F. M. Rothrock of Spokane, secretary; L. S. Monroe of Spokane, treasurer.

James Douglas, a deserter from Fort Lawton, has been captured and will be court-martialed at Fort Vancouver. It transpires that he once deserted from the English army, and the English government spent \$10,000 in a vain chase of him.

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## RUSSIAN SYSTEMS

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Her Peril Is in the Machinery of Government and the Bureaucratic Methods of Administering It—Port Arthur an Illustration of Administrative as Well as Individual Efficiency.

The huge bureaucratic machine which governs Russia has for the third time in half a century demonstrated its colossal unfitness to conduct the business of the empire. Its ignorance and corruption were responsible for the collapse of the Slav power in the Crimean war. They brought Russia to terrible disaster in the conflict with Turkey in 1877. They are today the vicious causes which underlie the strange weakness thus far manifested by the imperial forces in the Far East.

Russian history clearly proves that vices of administration pave the way to defeat upon a battlefield. The Russian people appreciate now the rigidity of this physical principle. Time and time again I have heard men of the noble as well as of the peasant class say: "We pay our taxes willingly; we offer our lives without question; yet we are beaten, beaten by a yellow race. The fault does not lie with our men men or our officers. They are brave. They fight grandly; they die gallantly. It lies with the system, which fails to educate them, which has held us so long in tutelage that when the moment for independent action comes, we do not know how to act. The development of civilization all trends to the independence of the individual."

"This is exemplified particularly in the present war, where the modern arm forces each man to direct his own movements, under the general control, of course, of his officers. At Port Arthur, our men stand together and are directed as a unit. There they are particularly invincible. It is plain, therefore, that our weakness lies as has been said, with the system, which does not fit us to deal with modern conditions."

From the Baltic sea to the Pacific Ocean, from the Arctic to the Black Sea, sweeps the dead level of centralization. The original idea underlying its creation was that the state should stand in the same relation to the people as the father to his family. The relation has become that of a general and a private soldier. The latter still addresses the former as "father," but he cannot move, he cannot act, it has been said, almost to do so. The government exercises a control that seems excessively minute to the practical western mind. If it be a contribution to the Red Cross, the endowment of a bed in a hospital, the establishment of a new school, the authority of the government must first be solicited and given.

## Jealousy and Lack of Unity.

In the negotiations before the war, the minister of foreign affairs was often in ignorance of the decisions of a special committee appointed by the emperor to deal with matters relating to Manchuria and Korea. Since the war began, the minister of the merchant marine dispatched armed steamers to waylay neutral vessels carrying contraband, without consulting the minister of the navy or minister of foreign affairs; and after the minister of foreign affairs had pledged the word of the government to recall the vessels, the minister of the merchant marine failed to send the necessary orders. The minister of the interior has sometimes nullified by the application of the "administrative process," important projects granting greater liberty to the people, which were adopted by the emperor upon the advice of the minister of justice. Thus instead of the unity which autocracy would seem to insure, there has been a riot of confusion which the war has not calmed. A western statesman would settle this condition by the simple expedient of organizing a responsible cabinet, and after the assassination of de Plevne, who held the portfolio of minister of the interior, the idea was vigorously presented by the progressive party. It was promptly vetoed by the emperor. "The power of autocracy," it was explained, "cannot be diminished. Nothing calculated to contract it shall be ordered by his majesty or should be advocated by any of his loyal subjects."

## The Ruble Is Powerful.

Ask any man not in official life what he thinks of the bureaucracy. He will denounce it for its ignorance, its sloth, its red-tapeism, and for the effect he will point to the war. Ask him again if it is corrupt. "The ruble," he will sententiously answer, "will open any office." But extensive as is this venality, it does not compare with what it was. There are more refined ways in the bureaucracy to receive compensation for services rendered than by mere gratuities.

Yet it must not be believed that all are corrupt. Hundreds of officials are as straightforward, as honest, as British or American officials. They see the abuses and wink at them because there is no correction. Few rulers have the vigor and independence which President Roosevelt manifested in the postal scandal, to examine publicly the iniquitous acts of their own administrations. Alexander III. evinced these qualities, but he could reach a few men only, not the system. "Even if an official be prosecuted," one of the honest Russian officials said, "another will take his place, who will become also the victim of the system. Do not blame the men in office. They are no better, no worse than the system, and remember also, you have vice in America. The emperor is largely

powerless, because while he is ostensibly the master of the bureaucracy, it is really his master."

The people are aware of the power and evils of the bureaucracy, and, therefore, differentiate between it and the czar. Contemptuous of it as they are, they naturally look upon its acts with suspicion. They only know that the czar is behind an order, when force is employed to back it up, as in the recent riot in St. Petersburg.

The danger to the autocracy, all enlightened Russians say, is not that the people will move to overthrow the czar, but that, inspired by the belief that their ruler desires its destruction they will attack the bureaucratic system; and, aware of this danger, the emperor is endeavoring to avert it by practical reforms.

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